

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composite multilayer material, in particular for plain bearings or bushings, having a backing layer, a bearing metal layer (3) of a copper alloy or an aluminum alloy, a nickel intermediate layer (2) and an overlay (1), wherein the overlay (1) ~~consists of approx.~~ comprises about 0 - 20 wt.% copper and/or silver, the rest being tin, and the layer thickness of the nickel layer ~~amounts to more being~~ greater than 4 μm .

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composite multilayer material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the overlay (1) comprises at least ~~approx.~~ 0.5 - 20 wt.% copper and/or silver.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composite multilayer material as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the overlay (1) ~~consists of approx.~~ comprises about 2 - 8 wt.% copper and/or silver, the rest being tin.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composite multilayer material as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~, wherein the layer thickness of the overlay (1) ~~amounts to approx.~~ is about 5 - 25 μm .

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composite multilayer material as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 4~~, wherein the layer thickness of the overlay (1) ~~amounts to approx.~~ is about 6 - 14 μm .

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composite multilayer material as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein the layer thickness of the nickel layer (2) ~~amounts to approx.~~ is about 4 - 6 μm .

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7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composite multilayer material as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 6~~, wherein the bearing metal layer (3) ~~consists of~~ a comprises at least one of copper-aluminum, copper-tin, copper-tin-lead, copper-zinc, copper-zinc-silicon, copper-zinc-aluminum, aluminum-zinc or copper-aluminum-iron alloy.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The composite multilayer material as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 7~~, which has undergone an aging process and comprises an interdiffusion layer (4) of substantially tin and nickel between the nickel intermediate layer (2) and the overlay (1¹).

Claims 9 and 10 (CANCELLED)